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The Point of View.

Mr. X., a member of the House, was ington. Mr. Z., another member of the House, walking in the opposite direction, stopped and offered his hand. Mr. X. grasped it cordially and presented Mr.Y. to Mr. Z.

"Rather a warm time in the House yesterday," sald Mr. X. "Yes," replied Mr. Z., "but I enjoyed

"I admired your pluck. You stood up

to 'em well." must expect to be fired on when he falls out of ranks. In returning the fire I did

the best I could." "You did some deadly work. We all applauded it."

Mr. Z. bowed and passed on, and Mr. X. and Mr. Y. resumed their walk. "One of the men who came over to us yesterday from the opposition. A brave act, and a brave fellow. It takes grit to do that sort of thing. You see, he's tired of the pig-headed leadership of his party. He's a man of ideas and breadth of view. His party associates tried to bully him into submission, but he wouldn't bully worth a cent. I admire that sort of spirit, and I intend to cultivate Z.'s acquaintance." Mr. X. spoke with something like enthusiasm, and Mr. Y. looked back to ge, another view of Mr. Z.

On the next block Mr. X. said to Mr. Y., in a low tone, "Observe this man we "That," explained Mr. X. as he and Mr.

I hope you noted his furtive glance and sheepish expression of face."

"I noticed that you bowed to him distantly," said Mr. Y.

result of a party campaign. And yet he from one Congress to another for many is giving aid and comfort to the enemy years. It is perhaps the champion bit of on the pretense that he is obeying his postponed legislation, and the time has is obeying the influence of flattery which ently demand that it be enacted at last. the opposition has been pouring into his while this session has been called spelong ears. Everybody can see what's cifically for the purpose of passing the him."

shifty.

who leaves you is an apostate, and the the House. victim of vanity, or worse. So runs the world away.

Another Pier Fire.

such wasteful methods of construction.

could be brought together in a single sum afforded. there would be a sufficient fund to rebuild practically all of the great piers States is accommodated. Nowhere else of the American methods so plainly the future. demonstrated as along these water fronts. Our American piers and docks are strikingly inadequate when compared with the European equipment. Again and again records point to any memorable achieveowners have been appealed to for a change of method, but beyond an occasional stone structure nothing has been done to remedy this condition.

The humiliating fact in this connection is that the lessons so plainly taught by disaster are not learned. The lesses themselves, falling upon the corporations that deliberately neglect the laws of common precaution, are not directly borne by the public at large, but the country keenly feels that these frequently recur- drinks tend to increase th ring fires serve as an indictment of Amer- life in local option communities. ican common sense. They are another expression of the wastefulness evidenced

The movement looking to the conserva- an all n.st. tion of national resources should extend to include a propaganda to check the tremendous fire waste annually suffered A steam pipe of a Canadian Pacific loin the United States, amounting to hun- comotive burst three miles outside of dreds of millions. Our prodigal career in Montreal the other day and forced the firethis respect is bringing us to the point of man and the engineer to leap from the potential bankruptcy.

drying up. He could not expect that in- engine. drawing a heavy express train, auguration weather to last forever.

summer resort is not altogether complimentary to Oyster Bay.

Politics and Appointments.

When President Taft takes a democrat | Here is another demonstration of the anifest advantage and fairnes espe-

cially in the selection of federal judges." tration will be submitted to the voters as favor of the mechanical prevention of It's time to go a-fishing.

a republican record. It will be challenged block trespass. It is beside the mark that such an accident is without exact that such an accident is without exact cabinet officers support their own work. precedent, and that the chances are or condemn it? If they support it they will strongly against a recurrence in the vote for the republican against the democratic candidate for the presidency.

the success of Judge Taft's candidacy. recurrences. They represented a great many men who. though calling themselves democrats, were yet in active opposition to their be booked for an important diplomatic post, and that will continue his republican affiliations. Gen. Wright has returned to Tennessee to practice law, but not to enter politics. He could not by democratic votes be elected to the smallest political office in the state. There is a report that he may at a later day accept an appointment at President Taft's hand. Can either of these men, properly speaking, be called a democrat? Have not both renounced what is current today as democracy?

Non-partisanship in the matter of judicial appointments is a different proposition. But even that is attended with difficulty. George Gray, a democrat, was appointed to the federal bench by a reon his way to the Capitol, accompanied publican President, and was criticised by by Mr. Y., a constituent visiting Wash- many of his party friends for accepting the place. When his name was proposed last year for the Denver nomination, his indebtedness to a republican President was quoted against him. And yet Mr. McKinley never made a better appointment.

Gov. Jones of Alabama, a democrat, was appointed to the federal bench by Mr. Roosevelt, and lost caste with his old party friends by accepting the appointhave the courage of his convictions, and yet, as his critics complained, here he was avoid rigid adherence to set conditions

it from criticism. questions which should be taken out of trouble results. When the engineer "piles made in that direction there are many re- smart man. basis.

Postponed Legislation.

day passed the census bill, thereby dis- Montreal accident as a fresh instance of charging an imperative duty inherited the danger now present on every railroad from the last Congress. That measure line perhaps something will be done to was left over from the session which force the issue. are about to meet." The man when he closed the 4th of March, Congress being came along bowed stiffly to Mr. X., who indisposed to enact the legislation in a form satisfactory to the then occupant of the White House. There was no dif-Y. passed on, "is Andsoforth, who de- ficulty whatever in passing it in the serted us yesterday in our hour of trial. extra session in precisely the form which was indicated as desirable in Mr. Roosevelt's veto message.

Having done this piece of work, it is now incumbent upon the House to take "I was sorry to feel obliged to bow to care of another item of long-neglected him at all. Do you know, I have no business-the constitutional amendment patience with a man like that. He claims for the change of date of the inaugurato be a party man. He is here as the tion. That matter has been left over conscience! Conscience, fiddlesticks! He come when the American people insistgoing on. The fellow is a laughing stock tariff bill, it is by no means exclusively where he is not an object of contempt. sacred to that purpose, so long as the The very men who are using him despise other business proposed does not interfere with the main work. It is altogether men, Italians and Jews are crowding Ellis Mr. Y. looked back for another view, probable that the tariff bill will not reach and said to Mr. X., in sympathy with the Senate before some time in April, his opinion, that Andsoforth, even from and meanwhile that body could, without the rear, gave the impression of being the least difficulty or interference with after jobs or homes are heading for any set program of business, devote it-A little lesson as old as the hills. The self to a consideration of the change- the earthquake section, who probably had man who comes over to you is a convert of-date amendment, so as to get it out and the servant of conscience. The man of the way before the tariff bill passes

The contemplated amendment is now pending in both houses, having been introduced in the Senate by Mr. Depew and in the House by Mr. Gaines. The Sen-Another instance of prodigal economies are resolution has been referred to compracticed in this country is offered by mittee, but the House resolution remains the fire at Jersey City on Friday which on the Speaker's table pending the apdestroyed a pier belonging to the Lehigh pointment of the appropriate committee Valley railroad valued at \$200,000. This .o which reference will later be made. pier was built of inflammable materials, the hope of the advocates of the legisdespite the frequent warnings against lation is that those members of the mouse who have aiready and are still The roof was covered with tar paper in- acciaring themselves in favor of a change stead of the more expensive fire-resisting of date will use their innuence to the slate or tiles, and was directly the cause end of securing the organization of this of the fire. Some tinners were patching committee, so that the House will be in the troughs and spouts on the roof, and position to take up the matter for pasone of them accidentally overturned his sage shortly after the tariff bill is sent solder pot. The paper roof was imme- to the Senate. The Star's canvass of dately ignited and before water could congress on this subject concinues to be obtained the flames had spread beyond uisclose an overwhelming sentiment in layor of a more clement date for the If the values that have been destroyed inauguration, and it is reasonable to exon the river fronts of New York and pect that the House will move in the Jersey City during the past ten years premises as soon as the opportunity is

An effort by England to take possession where the heaviest shipping concentra- of the battleships in course of constructed at any one point in the United tion in that country for Brazil would have the effect of making governments in this country is the wasteful absurdity careful about placing their contracts in

Mr. Taft is beloved and approved by his college associates, even though no the steamship companies and other pier ments by him as a foot ball player or an oarsman.

There is danger that in a short time the soft spring climate will cause statesmen to forget all about their inauguration day troubles.

prohibitive tariff on ornamental buttons would be a relief to many married men.

Some sort of an arrangement for a

The arguments of a tariff expert are sometimes as hard to follow as those of

A Wild Locomotive.

cab to avoid being scalded to death. In yist, "he depends on a man to be his meal their haste to escape the steam they ticket." A scientist declares that the world is failed to shut off the throttle and the ran on, its speed only slightly diminished when the conductor set the air brakes, un-The selection of Africa as a Roosevelt til it reached the Montreal station, where it plunged through bumpers and a heavy at us?" granite wall into the women's waiting room. A large pillar finally brought the locomotive to a stop, but not before it The Philadelphia Record presents this had killed four people and seriously in-

jured thirty others. into his cabinet he does not therefore necessity of a block system of rail: oad rat accepts a place in the Taft cabinet operation, which will interpose an autohe does not thereby renounce his democ- matic check upon the power, regardless racy. Both part es would be better for a of the judgment or skill of the men in the re ter non-partisan leavening. Non-artisan selection could be extended with cab, when a danger one is invaded. Coll sions have frequently occurred as a result of engineers misunder tanding or Mr. MacVea h and Mr. Dickinson re- disobeying orders, which would have been nounced the democratic party twelve averted had the lines been equipped with The sun each day prolongs his stay, years ago. They may not call them- automatic stopping devices. Other acci- Reluctantly departing selves republicans, but certainly, if the dents have been caused by the illness or From scenes that even now are gay definitions of the day have any value, disablement of engineers without the With blossoms newly starting. they are not democrats. Three years knowledge of their firemen, stationed on So sally forth like prudent men, hence the record they will have helped the other side of the boiler. The Montreal Let you may all be wishing prepare as members of the Taft adminis. catastrophe furnishes a new argument in You'd been more expeditious when

same circumstances. What has happened this time is, in the net result, what has Mr. Straus and Gen. Wright as mem- happened often before. and the public bers of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet desired is justified in demanding protection from

adoption by the railroads of one of the several automatic stopping devices is that Weather party. Mr. Bryan and his friends called none of them is perfect, that they are all them republicans. Mr. Straus is said to subject to derangement, and that it is unsafe to install an unreliable check on own sense of respons bility and rely on the possibly untrustworthy stopping apparatus. This does not appeal convincingly to the patrons of railways, whose through unjustified reliance in the moral checks imposed upon engineers. It may be true that an automatic device that been demonstrated. But neither has the block system proved itself perfect. Even the most trustworthy engineers and signalmen make mistakes. Still the enginemen and signal operators are not discarded as a class. Probably if the best device now known

were generally adopted and installed the imperfections would quickly be overcome. There is no cause leading to the correction of faults so effective as daily, practical reliance upon a machine. The inventive genius is quickened under the spur of necessity. Virtually every feature of the transportation equipment of today is the resultant of years of service testing. It is reasonably suspected that the real ment. He had been a democratic leader cause of the unwillingness to adopt the for years, been honored by that party, and automatic stop is the railroads' desire to so close to the enemy as to be picked out and to hold their operatives up to their like seas of silver in restless, perpetual by the enemy for official service. The maximum performances of speed and movement. The phenomenon extended appointment was excellent, in the way of schedule making. A successfully stolen everywhere, all objects, trees, fences, even securing a good lawyer and a fine man switch is not condemned now at headfor the bench, but that fact did not save quarters. The missending or misunder-

minders that in this country it is very dif- | Congress can compel the adoption of ucult to treat anything of a national con- an automatic stopping device on interstate informed by Prof S. of Washington sequence on any other than a political | roads if it so wishes. The interstate | that the phenomenon is common at Buencommerce commission has been studying the question, and there must be in hand The House of Representatives the other formation bearing upon it. With the its silver sheen.

An Income Tax.

Mr. James of Kentucky wants to know no little to the interest, and something "Camille." Of this performance The Star to the gayety, of the debate. It has been of March 15, 1859, said: fifteen years since David B. Hill, then a and laid the foundations for the case which was taken to the Supreme Court leading lawyers of Congress now?

Immigration. The immigration figures are picking up. Again the tide has turned this way. Irish-Island, and keeping the officials there busy. It is a good sign. Taft spells business abroad as well as at home, and men America. Many of the Italians are from this government in responding to their recent needs. With the Black Handers weeded out, the Italians are very desirable people. They are frugal and industrious, and make good citizens. But the

Black Handers must be weeded out. The Palermo police are actively enlection of suspects is so numerous that the difficulty or locating a definite charge is magnified rather than lessened by their

Certain persistent efforts to sympathize with Uncle Joe Cannon as a man with a blighted future may as well be abandoned for good and all.

The frequent reports of inevitable war in the Balkans would not render a real war any less surprising.

Castro might take occasion to remind the world that his absence does not suffice to secure peace and quiet in southern America. Col. Cooper's opinion of jurors can be

of firearms in order to express it. The practice of bringing bouquets to Congress for the Speaker will now be

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Essentials of Oratory. "I have my speech nearly completed." arguments in serried ranks?"

The Bubble, Reputation.

But I have selected my anecdotes."

"Why do you keep an alarm clock?" an early riser.'

Plays and Novels. The naughty literature we see

Has left us apprehensive That "raw" material may be Too free and yet expensive.

A Sentiment Scorned. "A dog is man's patient, faithful friend." "Naturally," answered the harsh anal-

"Shall we elope?" she asked, coyly, "or "Let's tell father." he answered. "I'd

A Tennessee Courtship.

rather take a chance on rice than buck-

An Appeal to Selfishness.

Oh, here's another argument For speedy legislation! Remember, ye whose hours are spent In toiling for the nat on The wintry wind grows soft and still; The waters gently swishing Remind us that ere long it will

Be time to go a-fishing.

YEARS AGO IN THE STAR

There was no such establishment as The avowed reason offered against the an official weather bureau half a century ago but a forerunner of the daily weather map teorology was studied along with other Vienna and St. Petersburg expressed the the engineers lest the enginemen lose their scientific subjects. In The Star of March 14, 1859, is a paragraph describing it:

tion a meteorological map of the United States, got up under direction of Prof. lives are constantly imperiled at present Henry, which is changed every morning would have seventeen or twenty-one Dreadat 10 o'clock, on receipt of the telegraphic noughts in 1912 there was panic in London. parried the blow so far as possible. Serreports of the weather from different sec- Then, again, it was announced that the via, they answered, had nothing to ask tions of the country, by pasting colored foregoing statement would "insure peace at of Austria, either politically or economiwill stand up under service conditions in scraps of paper, representing the state all conditions of the weather has not yet of the weather, on the different points heard from. By looking at this map a cret hopes of crushing Great Britain a that question was not Aust o-Servian, but country. The professor has in his private office another large may of the United day." States, upon which he posts, as it were. the daily observations of the weather, so as to enable him to study the movements of the storms of the continent, and form. | ters, namely, that the conflict in the Balif practicable, somewhat of a permanent meteorological calendar for the country."

In The Star of March 15, 1859. is a paragraph calling attention to a curious on the part of those travthe city. It was in part as follows:

"On Sunday last the fields in the vicinity of Bladensburg presented a singular appearance, glancing in the setting sun ploughed ground, being completely woven over with exceedingly delicate spider web. The earth has often been visited by hosstanding of an order is not necessarily tile swarms of insects, but is not this the We all like to believe that there are reckoned as a punishable offense unless first instance of the occurrence on a large scale of the antidote? Are we to have no more mosquitoes? Is the stock of the politics, and offices which should be filled up" the cars he is disciplined, if living. new cylinder fly machine to fall beyond Servia's with less regard to politics than to the When he brings his train through on time redemption? Let the entomologists expublic service. But whenever a move is despite block warnings he is rated as a amine the spider in question and tell us first whether he will bite, and secondly if he'll grow any bigger.

"Since writing the above we have been os Aires under the name of gossamer. The spider, lying on its back, kicks out clouds of this gossamer, which floats ready received the force of law in Servia now a large volume of illuminative in- through the air, covering everything with to the parliaments of Vienna and Buda-

Matilda the Washington Theater cluding a treaty with where the President may be found today of 1859 to demonstrate that the permanent It is reported that the Emperor Francis as to an income tax. Where may Con- population could support a playhouse. An Joseph has personally intervened to find gress be found? As Congress has the engagement by Matilda Heron, then rated a way out of the deadlock. first go, why not develop the case there? as one of the greatest tragic actresses Vienna writes on the 5th instant: The introduction of the subject would add in the world, was opened with the play

"One of the most effective performances senator from New York, paid his respects of the year took place at the theater office press is a long semi-official comto men calling themselves democrats who last evening. Matilda Heron's version of munication to the Zeit. The Servian anfavored an income tax in time of peace, Camille, while it possesses all the modesty swer to Russia formulates no claim whatand delicacy of other versions, is the ever, but intrusts Her cause to the powonly natural and satisfactory one extant. While witnessing her performance the on the ground that the law levying the audience forget that they are in a theater action. tax was unconstitutional. What say the and find themselves intensely sympathizing in the apparently real scene before What the elder Booth was in 'Richard III,' Matilda Heron is in 'Camille;' it is her piece, and nobody else has any business to undertake to per-

Congress having adjourned without passing the post office appropriation bill, that department was left Extra without funds, and the President was confronted their pulses quickened by the liberality of of calling back the houses in extra seswith the possible necessity sion. The Star of March 18, 1859, contains

the following item on the subject: "The extra session question kept the cabinet together, it is understood, from a.m. until 5 p.m. yesterday. It is further understood that no definite conclusion resulted from the day's discussion of the question. If the proposed extra sesgaged in arresting suspects in connection sion is to be ordered, the fact must be with the Petrosino case. In fact, the col- made public by a proclamation as early a. Sunday morning next, as, if delayed beyond that period, it will be impossible to get the intelligence of the fact to the Pacific side in time to have the California and Oregon congressional elections take place oon enough to make it certain that those to be chosen in them may reach here by the fourth Monday in August the period at which Congress will probably convene, if meeting before the first Monday in De-

cember next. "Our impression is that the upshot of the current investigation of all the facts bearing on the necessity for an extra session of Congress by the principal officers of the government has so far not incl.ned the President to abandon his opinion of the necessity for such a measure. The fact that it is a matter of very great importance in various ways is evidently why he final determination of the question is being put off until the last moment in which the announcement may be made i., time to go out by the next mail to the Painferred without permitting him the use cific side. We believe the President has determined to call the extra session.'

> The street crossings of this city were far from convenient and clean half a Muddy demand better conditions. as witness the following paragraph from tantamount to letting Austria hit a man The Star of March 19, 1859:

"A 'victim' writes to us inquiring why "I suppose you have marshaled your the street crossings, more especially those on 7th street north, are constructed be-"No; I haven't taken up that part of it. low the grade of the street. After passing the crossing at F street north, he says, there is scarcely a crossing from the patent office to N street which is not from three inches to one foot below the "To influence public opinion. It makes surrounding mud; and whenever it rains Suspicions that are being cast on soft everybody else in the building think I am steadily for a couple of hours the sof. It is steadily for a couple of hours the sof. ad collects on those crossings to the depth generally of about two inches, and their nationality in remaining a center at first sight to be the quarrel of mermakes it nearly an equal choice with the of attraction and culture for their broth- chants, but on closer inspection it is passenger to take the middle of the stree; or to run the chances of the crossings. "We can certify that the evil is a crying one, both as regards 7th street and termediary of the minister of Russia, sup- is not only these, but a conflict of ideas, other leading thoroughfare, and the ported by the ministers of France, Eng- the antagonism of two civilizations. street commissioner or commissioners who will remedy it may count upon the largest measure of popularity."

TARIFF TALK.

From the Chicago Record Herald. Mr. Payne can confer a large boon upon the country by making the Payne bill a painless one. From the Cleveland Leader.

A tariff bill is not to be sneezed at as the least possible attention and yet teach many people a good deal that they never knew. From the Chicago Tribune.

Under the new tariff you will have to pay 50 cents a ton on your imported fluo: spar. Can you stand that? From the Boston Herald. The Payne bill appears to have met

hight to take a few more lessons in in-Uncle Andy Carnegie considerably more than half way down the pike. From the Indianapolis Star. From the Rochester Herald. The lumber lobby wants the tariff on Mr. La Follette should do all his insurg ng lumber retained so it can "conserve" our n the Senate, where he belongs.

forests. Of course. From the Albany Journal. The American people are eager to cele-brate ; ariff-revision-completion day.

From the Providence Journal. The original draft of the tariff bil places no duty on coffee, but instead taxes tea. Thus is the free breakfas table spared while that enticing dissipation, afternoon tea, is mulcted heavily—as, no doubt, it deserves to be.

BALKANS AND EUROPEAN PEACE VARIOUS VERSES

The situation in the Balkans has been pirations. M. Milonvanitch, minister of grave, but the dispatches of the 18th in- foreign affairs, set forth Servia's claims. Conciliation hope that conciliation may Montenegro, and thence to the sea. Austria Possible. was in existence at the larly contradictory and vague. Telegrams Austro-Hungarian empire. The powers Smithsonian, where me- of the 17th instant from Belgrade, Berlin, pretensions.

belief that war between Austria-Hungary elegant and firm parade against the and Servia was imminent. The bourses in clumsy violence which has filled the Vienna journals. The Fremdenblatt de-"We notice at the Smithsonian Institu- the various capitals of Europe were de- clared that Austria-Hungary cared little pressed. Again it was announced from for Servia's initiative. She expected London that because the German navy Servia to go to Vienna, make the amende the present, because Germany, having se-vienna the Bosnia-Herzegovina question; the weather in the different parts of the to drag her into dangerous adventures to- it had been solved by the accord Austro-

The experienced diplomat may find in the foregoing assertion a confirmation of what has been insinuated in some quar- It is not possible, says the Temps, to be kans is full of "dangerous possibilities." Among these a conflict between two great say it. The reply denotes that the Serbs occidental powers whose rivalry is im-placable because economical, industrial political sense. and political-a conflict between England and Germany.

phenomenon which had nected with the Balkan question which attracted general notice are manifested in a recent dispatch from London, which significantly says: "This crisis is the direct outcome of the Russoeling by road north from Japanese war. Austria's whole policy is based upon the assumption that Russia so great that if it is not diminished or is unable to undertake a Balkan war. Were it not for this Austria would not dare pursue her present course. It is clearly evident that Austria is fully determined to compel Servia to eat dirt or fight, and she hopes the Servian hotspurs will choose the latter alternative."

> A dispatch from Belgrade the 15th instant mentions Servia's reply to the Austro-Hungarian note of the 6th instant with reference to Servia's circular Reply. note to the powers of the

11th instant. Servia expresses the opinion that it would have been more in conformity with the interests of the two powers if the monarchy had submitted the treaty of commerce which had alpest, in spite of the fact that the time for the ratification had expired. Its acceptance or rejection would have served The theatrical season usually languished either to fix a starting point for negotiain Washington in the old days as soon tions for a new treaty, or, on the other as Congress adjourned, hand, to show that the parliaments with but the management of donment in general of any idea of conundertook in the spring iff between Austria-Hungary and Servia. The London Times correspondent at

"The Austro-Hungarian conflict with Servia is still obscure. There is apprehension that the acquiescence of Servia in Russian advice conceals a ruse. The most interesting utterance of the foreign ers. By this statement Servia takes a stand that may develop into a rearguard

The Zelt prints, it is remarked, a long review of Austrian military preparations, in which it is set forth that the army has been brought to a pitch of readiness for action that all European states might envy. Nearly 2,000 new field guns have been cast, tested and distributed, also 5,000 ammunition wagons and a half milion shells. Machine guns are being rapidly manufactured and distributed. case of war 2,800 of these would be available. Five hundred million cartridges for small arms are also ready. "The cost of these armaments," the Zelt adds, "is more than £6,666,666."

From Berlin, on March 5, the North German Gazette is reported as having reproved a certain part of German the German press for maintaining that the at-Attitude. titude of Austria-Hungary was unconciliatory. "Should Austria-Hungary be expected to bargain

with the consent of the powers or with cific. any one of them concerning a Servian treaty of commerce or the details of Austro-Servian railway connection?" The alower to that question is so clearly in the negative that nobody who really desires a peaceful and proper settlement of outstanding differences ought to ask Austria-Hungary to admit the powers as mandatory of Servia to her negotiations upon economic questions. It is obscurely added: "There can be no question of an attempt to intimidate and to humiliate Austria-Hungary since it is a foregone conclusion that such an attempt must be founded on the refusal of the dual monarchy supported by Germany."

From St. Petersburg Ma: ch 5 a dispatch referring to M. Isvolsky's diplomacy afirms that Germany, following M. Isvolsky's advice, counseled Servia to refer all to the signatories of the treaty of Berlin; that Austria's demand for direct conversation with Belgrade would be formally realized "and it would remain to be seen what use Austria would make of the diplomatic bridge so tactfully thrown cross the Danube by M. Isvolsky.' From Belgrade March 5 a correspondent "The attitude of Austria, who desires Servia to 'apply directly to Vienna' is to be deplo ed and discounts the good intention attributed to Vienna century ago. The citi- on account of Count Forbach's return. zens of Washington, how- What has already occurred is bitter ever, were beginning to enough for Servia; to ask her now to stand hat in hand on the door step of the dual monarchy is, to say the least, already down. Servia will argue that in

put in the powers she deserves a better The Temps declares that Servia, it must be recognized, represents a moral force the latter's relations with the little kingdom depends the future problem of the Yougoslav, which is both interior and ex-Russia will not permit to be solved bruwill maintain the future development of The Anglo-German rivally w land and Italy, reviews the situation

aroused against this blow to Servian as-

THOSE INSURGENTS.

It must be somewhat disappointing to

the House insurgents to find that they

have amended the rules as Speaker Can-

The House insurgents at Washington

Speaker Cannon doubtless thinks that

Cannon was simply reloaded-not quite

o the muzzle, but near enough for all

In the midst of all this confusion in the

House the desirability of attaching one

From the Columbus Ohio State Journal.

From the Providence Evening Journal.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

From the Indianapolis News.

practical purposes.

tion of Bosnia-Herzerovina.

From the Newark Star.

Clark can lead.

stant afford a reasonable assuring her passage to, and junction with, yet be effected. The dis- replied that she considered that demand patches have been singu- as a threat against the integrity of the thereupon invited Servia to abandon her Servia's reply, says the Temps, is an

honorable and ask for concessions. M. Turc. Servia has nothing to say. If or the contrary the powers continue to think that an international ratification is necessary Servia submits to their wisdom. more adrolt and more dignified and to have seized the psychological moment to

Baron d'Aehrenthal for a fact has bee placed on the defensive, and he may feel obliged to accept the Serb reply, and the affair thus becomes a European affair. Austria is thus made responsible for the peace of Europe

M. Charmes in his political chronicle for the 1st of March writes: "The tension is suppressed there is everything to fear. Servia is arming. Austria is arming. At Vienna there is no doubt of it. They would be glad to punish a little neighbor whom they think insupportable. From the very first Servia was denounced because of her recent history, which was not edifying, and for a fact there was then a nest of revolutionaries upon whom it was necessary to place a foot.'

At Belgrade no account appears to have been taken of this situation and there is the peril. It augments from day to day. If the Austrian army entered Servia and the Russian army went to Servia's

succor the action of the alliances would come into play normally. It would be impossible to limit the field of conflict; all Europe might be drawn into it. Under such circumstances England, France and Italy conferred with the object of avoiding an imminent conflict and to use their powers of conciliation at Vienna and at Belgrade.

Berlin was first consulted. Berlin answered negatively. Servia had lost nothing. It was not to Servia but to the Porte that Bosnia-Herzegovina nominally belonged. Berlin would stand by her ally-would always stand by Austria. The peacemakers then turned toward

M. Isvolsky's role, because of the facts heretofore presented, was by no means easy, but M. Novakovitch is a statesman of experience and ability and doubtless, with the caressing assurance of another day when Russia had regained her strength, he was convinced that the dream of the Slav might be realized. And M. Charmes concludes in recalling the expressing which immortalized the memory of Oxenstiern, the Swedish statesman, "Go see, my son, with what little wisdom the world is governed."

If it shall prove true that the present conflict may be staged in order that Germany and Austria-Hungary may be better prepared to undertake a war for their own account, as affirmed, it will prove interesting to briefly mention an article in the Revue des Deux Mondes by M. Rene Pinou, entitled "The Rivalry of Germany and England."

M. Pinou opens his story by citing what Bismarck said in his famous speech in 1878: "We are," said the chancellor, "visa-vis with England in the happy situation not to have any conflict of interests except commercial rivalries and passing differ-ences which may happen; but there is Yet sits about in dead content and takes it nothing which may bring on a war between two hard-working pacific nations.' At this moment Germany and England are face to face, in a general conflict of interests; their commercial rivalries have become so sharp, so multiple, that they have culminated in a permanent difference, and it is precisely because these two nations are "hard-working" that it was thought they would cease to be "pa-

The Anglo-German rivalry has dominated all the political history of Europe of recent years; it deter-Anglo-Germanmines still in a large measure the acts and at-

Rivalry. titudes of all the powers. The author develops the subject of Anglo-German rivalry to show that it will lead fatally to war. He goes back to the nineteenth century, during which British policy favored Prussian power. Prussia had a strong army, but no money. It served the designs of the cabinet at London in humiliating Austria and in over-throwing France. Disraeli in 1878 joined Bismarck to stop Russia when on the road to Constantinople. It was then that Bis-marck declared that there was no conflict of interests between England and Germany. Bismarck, after all, was mortal and blundered. It is justice, however, to add that he claimed that the annexation of French territory was not his act and that he foresaw its ill effects. It was possible to predict from 1870 that an empire founded on force would expand stimulated by its victories. England had

no idea of a German peril until it was too late to prevent it. The year 1878 saw the Berlin congress then the triple alliance, which would guarantee the advantages gained by the treaty of Frankfort and the treaty of Berlin.

The industrial rise of Germany was born view of the confidence she is prepared to of the success of German armies; German industry begat commercial and maritime expansion, and suddenly confronted Great Britain as a rival. By battles and cruisers, by commerce and With navigation, the new Germany, under Wilhelm II, was started upon its course. The author in conclusion reviews Great Britain's policy, her maritime preponerior at the same time, a problem which derance, the "two powers' standard," her vessels of war which should be superior

ers, subjects of Austria.

The Temps, answering Servia's reply two peoples for supremacy—for supremacy something more. It is the struggle of to the action of Russia through the in- of commerce, supremacy of the seas. It The crisis in the Balkans is a phase since the announcement of the annexa- more or less important of the great drama which will eventually count in the his-Public opinion in Servia was violently tory of the world. CH. CHAILLE-LONG.

A MODEL MESSAGE

From the Milwuakee Journal. Taft's tariff message is a model one so Seems that the insurgents couldn't infar as the length is concerned. But messages should be judged by the resurge any better than Leader Champ sults produced. Will Taft get results? From the Detroit Free Press.

Brevity being the soul of wit, President Taft's first message made the senators laugh-or chuckle-for senatorial dignity hates good, healthy laughter. From the Springfield Union. Mr. Taft is not only big, broad and

brainy, but his special message shows that he is short, sharp and to the point. From the Columbus Evening Dispatch. President Taft's message to Congress of the tariff was confined to a statement of

what ought to be done and why. Evidently he is going to let Congress do its

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Congress may not understand President Taft's "gid-ap," being so accustomed to hearing "whoa."

From the Birmingham News. The first message of President Taft to Congress was delightfully short and or two slight amendments to the Senate sweet as compared with the voluminous rules has escaped without much com- documents that have been dumped on the body during the last few years.

ON TIMELY TOPICS

METER.

What's a poem? Just a jingle, Where a lot of words will mingle, In a double rhyme or single, On the pages of a book? Something witty, wise or solemn, Just to fill a funny column-Where most readers never look?

Nay, there's poetry that's sweeter In the rumble of the street—or In the waves' long swinging meter, As they break upon the shore; And the wind's tune, wild, unfettered Has a lilt that can't be bettered In your sonnets by the score.

More than's found in many a ballad, Done by poets, passion-pallid, Lies in ordinary salad If an artist mixes it There are lyrics in a beefsteak. That, though you be filled with griefs, take

Sorrow from you for a bit. Hymns are simg by well cooked dinners That can comfort weary sinners. Rhymesters are but mere beginners In comparison with him Who can mix Martini cocktails.

In my memory are tocked ales That make brilliant lyrics dim! All things run to rippling measures. Passions, pities, pains and pleasures. Pains? Ay, as the poet says, yours May be dramas, grand and sweet. Alu't it true (excuse the grammar), That your morning katzenjammer Throbs with metric, rhythmic beat?

THE EASIEST THING ON EARTH.

-Cleveland Leader

The easiest thing in the world
Is to just sit back and growl.
When the dust is madly whirled.
When the north winds fiercely howl,
When the day is warm and fair,
When the rill sings as it flows,
When fragrance fills the air,
When device with the sir,

When fragrance fills the air,
When dew is on the rose,
When the road is rough and steep.
When the way is smooth and wide,
When the crops we hoped to reap
flave prematurely died.
When the friends we thought were true
Have ruthlessly betrayed.
When the things we ought to do
Are foolishly delayed,
When others win where we
Might have achieved success,
When rich men in their giee When rich men in their glee Forget our mirthlessness When others rise through worth Or by methods that are foul,

The easiest thing on earth Is to just sit back and growl. —S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald. AN APPEAL.

of ladies' hats, the same being of the inverted 'ash-can' variety). Ladies, who followeth fashion's decree Sticking with style, though the same be out-Rigged out in hets that are painful to see,

Bordering closely in limits outlandish— First were the "rims" that were "crownless" you swore, Now come the "crowns" that are "rimless" Pray tell me why you can't wear, I implore Hats where both "crown" and the "rim" are in reason?

St. Petersburg. To Russia belonged the role of imposing prudence and reason at Belgrade.

M. Isvolsky's role, because of the facts.

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M. Isvolsky's role, because of the facts. Ye who must ever wear hats within season-Why is it, why is it that ye can't wear

Hats that are equally well within reason?

-Nashville Tennesseea

SOME WESTON THOUGHTS.

He walks and walks and walks and walks and walks and walks forever; He lives to walk and loves to walk and seems to tire never: He bits the pace at starting point—so many steps a minute: He spies a town upon the route-next momen He's death on records, death on shoes and

He overtakes and passes soon those who would try to pace him; He serves for comment in the club, for constant The townsfolk flock to see him pass as flock To see the daily fiyer as upon its way it And all recount what they have heard of other walking wonders, And each one in his turn explains the benefits

death on those who race him;

-Buffalo Express.

IF THEY MEET. If Johnson and Jeff were to meet
No doubt what you say is quite true;
But. still, if they did, I repeat—
What? Yes, that is probable, too;
But. supposing that white bruiser and
That dark one—don't interrupt so!
Hold on, now! You don't understand—
Shut up, pray, and give me a show!

If Johnson and Jeff, as I said, Were to meet—yes, you said so before, But, so long as those fellows aren't dead You never can tell what's in store;
For Jeff might at least think it wise,
And Johnson would never object,
While, I'm perfectly free to surmise, Others think such proceedings correct.

If, then, as I started to state When your blamed interruptions Those two by some bocus of fate Were to meet, face to face, man to man I believe they are likely to, yet,
Though I never give fighting a boost—
Don't you think, as they never have met,
That they really should be introduced?

THE COWBOY SONNETEER.

I seen a show las' night, at ol' Cheyenne,
And it was 'bout a feller who, like me,
Was rough and wild and orn'ry as could be,
Same as a bronk that hates the ways of men;
But he gits love struck, like I do, and then
He cuts out all that booze, a flowin' free. And studies nights and makes her see that he Has got the makin's of a man, by Hen!

And I'm a-goin' to try that hombrey's game
And spruce myself like all stage lovers do,
And show the teacher that, though my nick-Is P'isen Bill, I ain't so had clear through; And then I'll see—and darned quick, too, I If things in life end like they do in shows.

SPRING SONG.

The birdles sing When it is spring,
And playful grow the bats,
And in the spring
We see a string Of most outlandish hats.

The vinelets cling When it is spring, The leaves begin to bud. A lavish crop of mud.

The lambkins fling, When it is spring, Their nimble heels in play. And jocund spring Doth on us ring

A weather shift each day.

-Louisville Courier-Journal.

FOR LENT.

Of fasting and repentance I Expect to do my honest share— My mind is made up to deny Myself good things to eat and wear; That is, the luxuries that make A person too fond of the world, Such as delicious, snowy cake, With frosting flowered and bepearled.

Not that cake-eating is a sin Which by my voice should be deplored,
But lots of eggs must be put in,
And eggs few of us can afford—
And think of that! I must not eat Thick steaks or juicy cuts of roast-Why, eggs are quoted in "the street" As going up from coast to coast.

Ah, well! In other ways I'll try
To discipline and help my soul;
I'm very sure I shall not buy
Much of that luxury called coal,
Nor shall loll back on the seat
Of a big auto, calm, serene.
I'll trudge along upon my feet;
I haven't got a big machine.

Costly apparel I shall shun;
You'll see me in no 'broidered vest
Nor fur-lined coats—I shall be one
Who is in simple habit dressed;
Nor shall I puff at fat cigars—
Three-for-a-dollar, thick and black,
With a white ash that never chars.
Lines these lurses I'll turn my hack Upon these lures I'll turn my

O, many things I shall eschew,
Not only for the forty days—
And confidentially to you,
Upon no anchorite you gaze.
I do not give them up at all.
No Lenten fast is this I'll keep—
From this high pedestal I'd fall
If luxuries were only cheap!
Chicago Evening Post.